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DRAFT MINUTES

Town of Vernon Recovery and Reopening Advisory Committee

Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 11:00AM Via Zoom Audio Teleconference

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Julie Clay, Town Council Member; Russell DeBella, General Manager of Reins New York Style Deli Restaurant; Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator and Recovery Officer; James Kenny, Chief of Police; Bruce Klotter, President of Swiss Cleaners; George McGregor, Town Planner; Andrew Marchese, Zoning Enforcement Officer; Steven Prattson, Building Official; Pauline Schaefer, Town Council Member; Lou Spadaccini, Town Attorney; Patrice Sulik, Director North Central District Health Department and Daniel Wasilewski, Fire Marshal.

Members Absent: Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator and Emergency Management Director

Additional: Cassandra Santoro, Recording Secretary

Roll call was performed at 11:05 AM by Cassandra Santoro.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. COVID-19 Incident Command Update

None.

4. Current Guidance and Orders

Shaun Gately explained that the Executive Orders provided by the State are ever-changing guidance. The Town continues to read through all executive orders and interpret the guidelines that best fit the Town of Vernon. Mr. Gately summarized the new Executive orders that were distributed since the last meeting: 7ZZ and 7AAA.

Shaun Gately explained that phase 2 of reopening involved larger volumes of people allowed to attend outdoor activities, events and graduations. Mr. Gately projected that the phase 3 reopening will also expand those numbers.

5. Local Recovery and Reopening Strategy

Discussion ensued regarding local businesses opening and local businesses choosing not to take on the added expense of opening outdoors. No complaints have been received regarding businesses not properly cleaning or using PPE.

Patrice Sulik answered various questions regarding workers compensation in relation to contracting COVID and the inspection of businesses to ensure guidelines are being followed.

6. Next Steps

The Town of Vernon will continue to interpret all State guidelines.

7. Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2020.

Approval of the minutes for June 11, 2020 were moved by Patrice Sulik and seconded by Julie Clay. No discussion. The motion passed with 1 abstention, Pauline Schaefer.

8. Next Meeting

Next ZOOM meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 25, 2020.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:37AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Santoro, Recording Secretary